

Buffalo, May 13, 1875.

My dear Gray:

I named a *Puccinia*
discovered by me *P. Mariae-Wilsoni*.

Mr Cooke of London, a distinguished
mycologist, says writes that ten
years ago, he named it *P. Celay-*
toniae, and, though he never
published it by description
or specimens, desires that his
name should be substituted.
As a matter of courtesy, I
would, I think, consent to
the substitution. But Mr
Cooke also writes:

"*Puccinia Mariae-Wilsoni*
is a published name, but as it
does not follow the laws of the
binomial system, it is liable

to be changed to morrow,
which it could not be if
it were P. Mariae, or P. Wilsoni.
nor is any one in changing
the name, obliged to use
either of these names, which
being applied wrongly, may
be wholly superseded."

Please Mr Cooke also, I am
informed, intimates an opinion
that publication of a species
in a report - meaning I presume
our Regents' Report on the
State Cabinet, is not suffi-
cient.

Here are two or three
questions of general importance,

and I beg you for your
opinions thereon: Indeed, if
they be mooted questions, I
am sure that your opinions
would be useful to Scientists
in their decision, while with
me they would be decisive.

I hope that you have
returned, with renewed vigor.

Yours ever,
W. W. Chittenden.

Dr Asa Gray.

I might to add, perhaps, that
Mr Peck, our State Botanist, com-
municated to me ^{above} the ~~extract~~ ^{extract} the